



Seattle Preschool Program

voluntary, high-quality, affordable

Dual Language Programs

Meeting Objectives

- Define elements of a quality dual language program
- Identify key dual language supports

Legislative Guidelines

- Dual language programs that meet the qualifications of the Seattle Preschool Program and are representative of Seattle's linguistic diversity will receive funding priority.
- Bilingual lead teachers and instructional assistants who meet the competency criteria developed in the Implementation Plan will be fairly compensated for their expertise.
- Students will be assessed in languages of instruction when feasible. (Seattle Preschool Program Action Plan, 2014)

Why Dual Language Matters

- Bilingualism has multiple strong benefits on children's cognitive functioning.
- Children who start kindergarten proficiently bilingual perform as well or better than those who begin with only English.

Additional Resources

- Seattle Preschool Program Action Plan - *May 14, 2014*
- BERK Consulting Recommendations - *May 2, 2014*
- Seattle City Council "Preschool for All" (Resolution 31478) - *September 23, 2013*

All documents can be found here: <http://www.seattle.gov/education/about-the-levy/early-learning/seattle-preschool-program/documents>

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